THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): The major Centrally Sponsored Programmes for poverty alleviation implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development though State Government in Orissa during 2004-05 and 2006-07 were the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for self-employment and Sampooran Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) for wage employment. The funds released by the Government of India to Orissa under SGSY, SGRY, NFFWP and NREGS during 2004-05 and 2006-07 are as under:

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	Central funds released to Orissa (Rs. in lakhs)	
		2004-05	2006-07
1.	SGSY	5866.00	6725.00
2.	SGRY	26940.00	11931.00
3.	NFFWP	22284.00	—
4.	NREGA	—	78380.49

Fresh loan from World Bank for linking rural habitations with roads

3986. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to approach World Bank for a fresh 500 million loan for connecting rural habitations with roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States in the country with number of habitations therein, planned to be linked with roads with the help of this loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government has approached the World Bank for providing assistance to speed up implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) under Bharat Nirman in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram and Uttaranchal. The proposal has been accepted in concept by the World Bank. The size of the proposed loan is US$ 500 million. Project proposals for 1st Tranche covering nearly 25 percent of the loan amount have been finalized now. The State-wise number of habitations which are likely to be benefited are as under:—

	State	No. of Habitations
(i)	Arunachal Pradesh	20
(ii)	Bihar	360
(iii)	Jammu & Kashmir	Upgradation of existing 25 core network roads providing improved access to 154 habitations
(iv)	Mizoram	15 (stage-II)
(v)	Uttarakhand	32

The number of habitations benefited in the remaining tranches would be known once the project proposals are prepared by the State at a later date.

Loan from World Bank for roads in rural areas

†3987. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether loan from the World Bank has been received for connecting rural habitations with roads;

(b) if so, the amount of loan so far sanctioned by the World Bank;

(c) the total volume of the loan and names of States with projects being constructed therein; and

(d) by when each of these projects is targeted to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. For implementing projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), World Bank Loan amounting to US $ 400 million has also been obtained for rural roads project. The date of loan agreement is October, 2004. The loan is being utilized for the States of Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The expected date for closure of the Agreement is 31st March, 2010 by which time most of the World Bank funded projects should be completed.

Implementation of Land Reform Act

†3988. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to implement the Land Reform Act effectively, to distribute the surplus land among the poor and to provide facility to the landless workers for formation of their organization to protect their interests;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Land and its management falls within the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the State Governments as provided under Entry No. 18 of State List (List II) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The role of the Central Government in this field is only of an advisory and coordinating nature. However, implementation of land reforms programmes is reviewed from time to time at various fora, including Conferences of the Revenue Ministers/Secretaries of States and UTs organized by the Ministry of Rural Development. The State Governments have, *inter-alia*, been requested from time to time for distribution of ceiling surplus land, Govt. wasteland and Bhoodan land to the eligible rural poor by preparation of action plans, and to complete the task by undertaking special drives.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.